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PRESS RELEASE – Fatal Vehicle Accident on Drinking Hole Road

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On January 6, 2024, at approximately 12:10 a.m., the Perquimans County 911 Center received a call from a passerby advising of a possible vehicle accident on Drinking Hole Road.

The Perquimans County 911 Center immediately dispatched Belvidere Fire Department, the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Perquimans County EMS, and advised the NC State Highway Patrol.

Upon responders arriving on scene, they found a single vehicle in the roadway that had been occupied by two people. Two persons were evaluated by EMS, with Nightingale air ambulance requested. One patient was treated and transported by Perquimans County EMS until care was transferred to the Nightingale air ambulance crew. A second patient was pronounced dead at the scene. Traffic was temporarily diverted away from the scene for the safety of responders.

Engineer Copeland of the Belvidere Fire Department provided Incident Command per established National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. The accident is under investigation by the NC State Highway Patrol.
